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BUILDING NEWS: BOOM CONTINUES

Activity All Along the Line. Home-Builders Are in Dead Earnest.

AN ADVOCATE OF LARGE LOTS

Biggest Home on Monument Avenue Commenced—Apartment House on Floyd Avenue.

If all the fine residences that the architects of Richmond are now drawing plans for shall be erected this year, there will be no end to the building boom which seems to have set in a few weeks ago. The building activity is not confined to the city, but is away out in the suburbs. This will probably be a record-breaking year in the matter of home building. While some of the contractors are at work on business establishments, the bulk of the work now in hand is the erection of homes within the old part of the city, in the newly annexed territory and out in the suburbs.

Work was commenced last week on what would be, if it were now completed, the largest home on Monument Avenue, that of Mr. L. H. Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins is an advocate of large and roomy lots, and has all the while insisted that it would be best for the purchasers of home sites on Monument Avenue to buy more ground than they need. The lot on which is now building is sixty-four feet wide, the largest lot on the avenue upon which a house stands or is being erected. The residence will be a double Colonial mansion, and as handsome a home as has ever been erected in Richmond.

Floyd Avenue Activity.

Mr. W. S. Street having bought, through Green & Redd, the necessary property at the northeast corner of Floyd Avenue and Cedar Street, in the newly annexed territory, has commenced the building there of an apartment house, in which will be installed all the modern improvements and conveniences. This is the first apartment house to be erected on Floyd Avenue, or anywhere in that immediate neighborhood. It will be ready for occupancy by the autumn, and will be under the management of Green & Redd.

Mr. James B. Pace has bought a home on Grove Avenue, and will move there about the middle of May, at which time Mr. Wirt A. Chesterman, who bought the Pace mansion, at Adams and West Franklin Streets, will commence the work of converting it into a high-class apartment house. It will be three stories high, and there will be fifteen family departments, all heated by hot water and all containing the very latest improvements for convenience and comfort. The building will be ready by November next. The floor plans are already in the hands of McVeigh & Glinn, the agents, and already they have many applications for apartments.

Mr. John T. Anderson has just bought a building lot at the corner of Grove Avenue and Lombardy Street, on which he is going to erect a house at once. Can the adjoining lot, which Mr. Edward Schumacher has just bought, another splendid home is to go up. The building boom in Barton Heights continues without abatement, and that in Brookland is on the increase. Builders in all the suburbs are very active.

HAD BEST SEASON IN RECENT YEARS

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From commencement to the close of the season, not including the tobacco sale through the Farmville Prize House Association, which handled much for those who are members of the tobacco association, 6,785,850 pounds were sold through the warehouses of the town. Below are quotations furnished by Messrs. J. E. Johnston & Co., of prices which obtained in Farmville during the season just ending:

Common lugs..... \$6.50 @ \$7.50
Good lugs..... \$8.00 @ \$9.50
Good leaf..... \$9.50 @ \$12.00
Fine leaf..... \$12.00 @ \$15.00
Wrappers..... \$15.00 @ \$20.00

Danville Sales Large.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
DANVILLE, VA., May 2.—Below are given the sales of tobacco on the Danville market for the month of April, 1908; sales for April, 1907; sales for the nine months ending April 30, 1908, and sales for the nine months ending April 30, 1907, showing comparative averages for the same periods:

Sales for April, 1908, 2,875,532 pounds, for \$270,490.41; average, \$11.39.
Sales for April, 1907, 1,460,966 pounds, for \$133,780.56; average, \$9.16.
Increase for April, 1908, 915,666 pounds, for \$136,715.85; average, \$23.23.
Sales for nine months ending April 30, 1908, 34,291,427 pounds, for \$3,929,015.59; average, \$11.46.
Sales for nine months ending April 30, 1907, 33,017,515 pounds, for \$3,019,220.50; average, \$9.23.
Increase for nine months ending April 30, 1908, 1,273,912 pounds, for \$907,795.09; average, \$23.23.

Petersburg Receipts Light.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
PETERSBURG, VA., May 2.—Receipts for loose tobacco at the local warehouses continue light, as most of the crop has been marketed, but the market continues active and strong on all grades of tobacco with the high scale of prices well maintained.

Quotations, as furnished by Messrs. Craddock and Jones, of the Virginia Warehouse, are: Common lugs, \$8 to \$9 per 100 pounds; good lugs, \$9 to \$11 per 100 pounds; shipping leaf, \$11 to \$12 per 100 pounds; short, wrappers \$12 to \$15 per 100 pounds; fine wrappers, \$17 to \$20 to \$40 per 100 pounds.

Few Arrests in Lynchburg.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., May 2.—The month of April proved to be a very quiet one for the local police, the number of arrests being 280, compared with 419 in April, 1907. The arrests for drunkenness this year were 62, or 53 less than April, 1907. Fully 250 of the arrests last month were on trifling charges or minor ordinance violations.

Small Failure in Lynchburg.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., May 2.—R. L. Eisenman, a merchant doing a small business in Madison Heights, yesterday filed a petition in bankruptcy. The liabilities are scheduled at \$10,000 and the assets \$793.48, of which \$618 is due on open accounts. The creditors are all Lynchburg business houses.

One Negro Kills Another.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., May 2.—At Walker's Ford in Amherst County, Thursday evening, Hartley Sparrow, colored, was shot and killed by Sam Moore, also colored. Moore made his escape and has not been captured. The cause of the murder cannot be learned on account of the remoteness of the scene.

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